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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS PLAN MEETING ON SECURITY POLICY

1. DURING JAN 14 CONVERSATION HARRY VAN DEN BERGH, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF DUTCH LABOR PARTY, TOLD EMBOFF THAT PLANS WERE BEING LAID FOR A MEETING OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS AND EXPERTS ON SECURITY POLICY. TWO-DAY MEETING AT DUTCH INITIATIVE IS TO BE IN THE HAGUE IN MAY AND, ACCORDING TO VAN DEN BERGH, WILL PROBABLY BE ATTENDED BY TOP-LEVEL EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS SUCH AS BRANDT AND CALLAGHAN. BRANDT IS COMING TO THE NETHERLANDS FOR BILATERAL PARTY TALKS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. DETAILS OF MAY MEETING MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THAT TIME.

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2. TOPICS WHICH LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE DETENTE, QUESTION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, DEVENSE EXPENDITURES, AND PERHAPS INCREASING COOPERATION IN EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY. ON PURELY LOCAL LEVEL, VAN DEN BERGH COMMENTED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD GIVE LEFT-WING DUTCH SOCIALISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIFFERENT SOCIALIST VIEWPOINTS. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER IS COOPERATING FULLY IN HELPING LABOR PARTY SET UP MEETING AND IN ATTRACTING BIG-NAME EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS. GOULD

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